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## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### ■ Planning process to begin for new westbound I-10 lane

SANBAG is seeking qualified firms to begin the planning process for a new lane to be added to westbound Interstate 10 between Yucaipa and Redlands.

Firms will be asked to submit statements of qualifications for this project, which would add a new lane on I-10 from Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa to Ford Street in Redlands. This lane addition would help relieve freeway traffic congestion through the area, particularly for westbound morning commuters.

The project would serve as a third phase of SANBAG's traffic congestion relief effort for the eastern San Bernardino valley. The first phase is the Interstate 10 eastbound truck-climbing lane, which is under construction now between Ford and Live Oak Canyon Road (see page 2). The second phase will be the widening of the freeway between Orange Street and Ford Street in Redlands, both eastbound and



Planning work is expected to start this summer for a new westbound lane on Interstate 10 between Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa and Ford Street in Redlands.

westbound, set to start late this year or in early 2005. Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this effort are supported in part by Measure I, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

The planning process for the Phase 3 work will include the development of a Project Report, a Project Study Report and an Environmental Document. SANBAG expects to have the selected firm under contract by July 7.

### ■ SANBAG sets new state, federal legislative priorities

Protecting and enhancing transportation funding, maximizing current transportation revenues and cutting red tape topped the list of priorities for state and federal legislative efforts for the 2004-05 year.

As state and federal transportation funding becomes even more scarce, SANBAG will have to work harder to secure its share of these dollars, said Kris Leathers, SANBAG's director of intergovernmental relations and legislative affairs.

At the state level, SANBAG will support indexing the state gas tax and securing funding for a countywide freeway service patrol program. New efforts at the federal level will include seeking a more equitable division of highway trust funds for California, indexing the federal gas tax and increasing funding for goods movement mitigation. Efforts also will be made to cut administrative and regulatory requirements so that projects can be completed faster and at a lower cost.

### ■ Plans advance for SANBAG's move to Santa Fe Depot

Tenant improvements to the Santa Fe Depot are underway, the final steps of the reconstruction of this historic San Bernardino structure. SANBAG likely will begin occupying the second floor of the building in May, once wiring for telephones and computer networks is complete.

Furniture has been ordered, and plans are being made with San Bernardino County staff to move existing furniture from SANBAG's North Arrowhead offices to the new building.

The Board of Directors also approved hiring CityCom Real Estate Services as the property and facility manager for the Santa Fe Depot. CityCom will help acquire tenants for the remaining space to be leased on the first floor of the Depot and will coordinate janitorial, landscape and security services. The contract will run until June 30, 2005.



### Down the road ...

- Mar. 10: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.; Commuter Rail Committee, 12 noon
- Mar. 11: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Mar. 17: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Mar. 19: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.

## Interstate 10 truck-climbing lane construction is on schedule

Work includes paving in center median, sound walls, pavement repair

Construction of the new truck-climbing lane on Interstate 10 between Redlands and Yucaipa is one-third complete and right on schedule. Work on this 3.5-mile eastbound lane started in early November and is expected to conclude this fall.

This month's issue of *Measuring Success* reviews this freeway widening effort, which is funded in part by Measure I, San Bernardino County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

### Project Overview

SANBAG is adding a new lane for trucks on eastbound Interstate 10, from Ford Street in Redlands to Live Oak Canyon Road in Yucaipa. This stretch of freeway includes a four percent uphill grade, which slows trucks and other heavy vehicles, causing delays to traffic movement through the area. A separate lane will help improve traffic flow, especially during afternoon peak commute hours.

The project also will feature an auxiliary lane to be built between Ford Street and Yucaipa Boulevard to ease merging onto the freeway, plus sound walls and retaining walls. Older freeway pavement will be replaced as part of the project.

SANBAG hired Brutoco Construction & Engineering, a Fontana-based firm, for the work, which started November 6. Plans call for construction to be completed within 11 months, depending upon good weather.

### Construction activity to date ...

Construction crews have focused much of their early work within the center median, which has been cleared and is being paved to accommodate a portion of the new lanes.

Crews placed concrete barriers along the freeway median and restriped the eastbound and westbound lanes to allow work to occur within the median. Shrubbery, weeds and other debris has been removed from the median, and drainage systems installed. A layer of lean concrete base has been poured within this area, the first of three layers of pavement to be placed. (Once the other paving layers are completed, the concrete barriers will be removed, the lanes will be re-striped, and work will shift to the eastbound shoulder for additional widening and paving).

In addition to the median work, crews have begun construction of two sound walls -- one on Hampton Road in Yucaipa, the other near immediately adjacent to the freeway near Reservoir Road in Redlands. Workers have cleared the areas,



Crews have been paving the center median as part of the eastbound I-10 truck-climbing lane construction project in Redlands and Yucaipa.

poured footings, began forming the walls and are preparing for masonry block work to start in April.

Preparation also has occurred for retaining walls that will be built along Outer Highway 10 South. Concrete barriers have been installed, and work on the retaining walls is scheduled to take place between during the spring and summer.

Crews also have been removing the top layer of concrete from the freeway lanes to provide a smoother drive on this section of freeway. This grinding operation will eliminate the "thumping" noise associated with older pavement.

### Upcoming work ...

As the work shifts from the center median to the eastbound shoulder, concrete barriers will be placed next to the shoulder to protect workers, and clearing and excavation of the shoulder area will occur throughout April and May. SBC will relocate its fiber optic cables, and paving in the shoulder area will take place throughout the summer.

Sound wall and retaining wall construction will be underway during the spring and summer.

One of the last steps of the projects will involve Caltrans's replacement of deteriorated pavement from the eastbound slow lane. This will provide new pavement in sections of the freeway that are especially damaged from heavy vehicles.

### Freeway Service Patrol

Since January, a Freeway Service Patrol has been in place on Interstate 10 near the truck-climbing lane construction zone. Two roving tow trucks provide help to stranded motorists during peak commute hours at no charge. These trucks provide quick repairs or tow vehicles from the freeway to avoid traffic delays.

So far, the drivers have aided 601 motorists by changing flat tires, providing gasoline, removing debris from the road, jump starting batteries or repairing other mechanical problems.

